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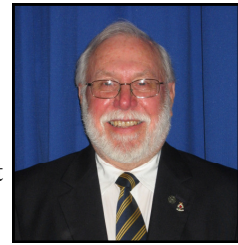
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President's Message

Here we are, the end of the calendar year! Can you believe it has been close to two years in this Pandemic and it seems it's not finished with us?

We did accomplish a few things in 2021. We have had full hall attendance for the past 4-6 weeks; cards have begun again; coffee hour and exercise groups have been busy; and rentals have picked up.



If January is as the province has said it will be, we are hoping to have a modified schedule for darts beginning in January. However, the latest news shows the infections are rising and the government may continue with restrictions, so stay tuned. Check the Richmond Ontario Legion Dart League Facebook page to indicate your interest in playing. (Editor's note: you can also contact Cathie Lytle directly – see the sports column for details).

We received permission to have general meetings but no elections yet. The next general meeting will take place on the 28th of January at 11 am. One topic is consideration as to returning the general meeting to 7:00 pm to accommodate those members who are working. There is also a motion to be voted on to allow the wearing of hats in the hall.

Club 55 had a Christmas luncheon December 2nd and on a personal note I had various fancy finger foods that I had not eaten before. Never too old to try something new, as they were tasty. The luncheon followed the Club 55 meeting.

Branch 625 had a luncheon December 10th with approximately 40 attending. It consisted of soup, sandwiches, pickle trays followed by dessert prepared and donated by King's Independent Grocery. They have always supported our Legion in good and tough times. Our thanks go out to Wendy Ryan, event planner and her elves for a great job of serving us. It was good to renew friendships with members and it feels as if we are getting close to full operation.

In closing, may this Christmas bring you boundless joy and happiness, and may your New Year be merry and bright. Thanks for being such great comrades in this past eventful year.

Brian Goss





Membership Report

Greetings everyone. It has been another up and down year, and things are starting to get back to some kind of normal

At the current time we have 117 members, with two new members coming on board in the past month.

The early bird renewal ended on 30 November 2021. A draw was held at the branch during coffee hour on 03 December 2021. Winners of \$50 each are Paul Simpson and Christopher Moffatt. Our Treasurer will be mailing out a cheque to each of you. Thanks to everyone who renewed during the early bird period.

As of writing this report we have had 83 members renew for 2022, which represents 78.3% of our membership. Thank you to everyone.

For those who have not renewed yet, just a reminder that you have the following options:

1. Online at legion.ca, you must have or create a profile and password in order to do this. The branch will be notified when you have renewed.
2. Mail a cheque, or money order payable to RCL #625 at,
RCL #625
P.O. Box 625
Richmond ON K0A 2Z0

NOTE: Please do not send cash in the mail

3. You can leave payment at the Legion during coffee hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Or pass it on to one of the Executive Officers or Executive Committee members.

NOTE: All membership renewal payments must be passed to the Membership Chair for processing. Then they will be passed to the Treasurer for deposit.

Once payment has been received, your renewal sticker will be mailed to you, or if you renew in person, it will be given to you at that time.

On 07 November 2021, I had the pleasure of teaming up with Eric Booth our Poppy Chair to set up a table at the last Richmond Market at the Fairgrounds for the Annual Poppy Campaign. The weather was great and attended by many.

My wife (Pat Laninga) and I went to our Branch on 20 November and put up Christmas lights that will be on each night until the end of December. If you get a chance please drive by in the evening for a look.

On 04 December 2021, my wife (Pat Laninga) set up a display for the Legion for the drive through Christmas parade at the Richmond Fairgrounds that was put on by the Richmond Village Association. For those who were not able to make it, our theme was "Charlie Brown's Christmas". We had it all set up as a Christmas Tree Lot, with 10 trees and of course the Charlie Brown tree.

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Many lights were put around the display and as expected the turnout was excellent. Pictures were posted to Richmond Legion Facebook page. A big thank you to Mike Harvey for letting us use one of his sheds, and to Eric Booth for stopping over to take pictures of the Legion display.

The Legion on-line portal for renewing memberships will be CLOSED DOWN for annual maintenance from 23 December 2021 to 02 January 2022. During that time you won't be able to renew online nor will I have access to any records during that time period.

Take good care comrades, continue to be safe.

Boyd Dulmage, CD



Club 55

On December 2nd we held our second meeting with many members present and two guests.

Following the meeting, everyone enjoyed a light lunch of finger food and wine!

It was so good to be able to enjoy everyone's company once again.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 11 am. Please note this on your calendars now.

Once again I would like to most sincerely thank all the people that helped in any way to bring our Christmas luncheon together.

Joanne Heinbuch



Sports - Darts

Darts are scheduled to return on Friday, January 21, 2022 and ending in April 2022. ALL players must be double vaccinated and Covid protocols will have to be followed.

Please contact Cathie Lytle at cathielytle@gmail.com or call her at 343-997-5985 no later than December 31, 2021 to be added to the list of players.

Keep an eye on the Richmond Legion Darts Facebook page for updates or check your emails!



NOTICE OF MOTION -- WEARING HEADDRESS WITHIN BRANCH 625

Notice of Motion is hereby given that the proposal hereunder to amend Branch Clubhouse Rules will be presented at the next General Meeting of the Branch for consideration, discussion and a vote for acceptance.

MOTION

Whereas, the Rules and Regulations regarding wearing of headdress in Legion Branches throughout the Dominion have generally been relaxed, and

Whereas, most Branches now allow the wearing of headdress within their facilities, except for special events and ceremonies, and

Whereas, senior levels of the Legion generally support this initiative.

Therefore, it is proposed that the following text be added as Section 3f (Dress) of Br 625 Clubhouse Rules to clarify the wearing of headdress within the Branch:

QUOTE The wearing of headdress is permitted in the Branch during normal operating hours and during public and private functions. The wearing of headdress may be restricted during special Legion events and ceremonies as determined by protocol or by the Branch Executive. UNQUOTE

A copy of the current Branch 625 Clubhouse Rules, Branch Regulations and other policies and instructions are posted in a binder located in the entrance of the Branch.

Prepared by: J. Lemyre, Br Regulations

Veterans Service Officer

DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that free representation is available to all Veterans, whether or not they are a member of the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL)?

Yes, it's true—free of charge. The Royal Canadian Legion Veterans' Services Network has Service Officers that can assist & represent Veterans, RCMP & serving Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members & their families regarding disability claims or related issues with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) and the Veterans Review and Appeal Board (VRAB).

Command Service Officers are professionals authorized to represent Veterans and those still serving. Their role in assisting Veterans of all ages and their families is mandated by Federal legislation. Service Officers can access personal medical records required to assist in the preparation of applications for disability benefits to VAC or an appeal to the VRAB.

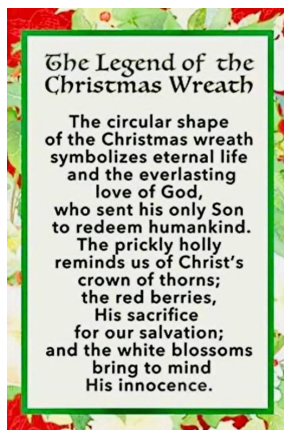
Financial assistance is also available from the RCL for all serving and former CAF and RCMP members and their families who are in distress or have a clear financial need. Grants are available for food, heating costs, clothing, prescription medication, medical appliances or equipment, essential home repairs and emergency shelter or assistance.

If you or anyone you know would like assistance in initiating action to obtain VAC disability benefits and services or Legion benevolent assistance, please contact RCL Branch 625 Veterans Service Officer, Jack Lemyre at telephone 613-838-3948 (R), 613-850-8940 (M) or Email jlemyre1@sympatico.ca.

Now you know!

Jack Lemyre, Br VSO

We care for Veterans of all ages and their families for free! (RCL Veterans Services Network)



Youth Education

The pandemic did not stop another great year for our Remembrance Contests. Students from grade 3 to grade 11 participated, 209 entries altogether. Our 3 schools have produced some great posters, poems and essays.



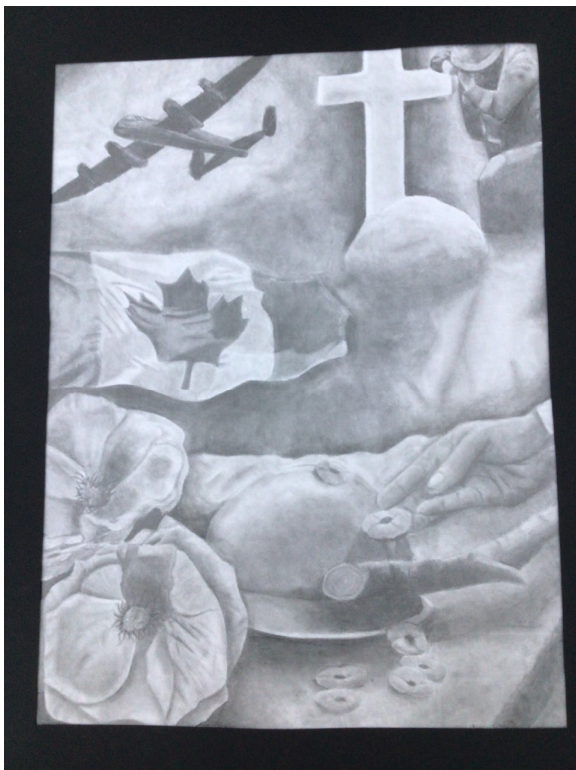
St. Philips Catholic, Richmond Public and South Carleton High School have given us 7 winning entries that will go on to the Zone Level of judging in this coast to coast to coast Canadian contest.

Please read Oscar Drummond's poem which appears below. He is in grade 5 at St. Philip's. He won in the Junior Division with this poem.

And do give attention to the Senior Poster from South Carleton. Devyn Flanders, grade 11 has won best Black & White Poster in the Senior Division.

Who will win Best in Branch this year? Seven will go to Zone. Which of the 7 will make it the farthest, and be up on our Legion wall next spring? Time will tell!

Elizabeth Douville



Remembrance Day

November 11th is a day full of sadness.
We remember the people who fought for our freedom
And tried to stop the world wide madness.
So on the 11th we wear a poppy to remember
the soldiers that fell
And the brave way they said farewell.
The poppies, red as blood, represent how we remember
The soldiers that died in the war,
That we cannot ignore.
Now we remember how they left us and departed
to their graves
And the freedom that they bravely gave.
On the 11th we attend a ceremony to remember
their embers
That we must keep bright,
To continue shining their important light.
We remember these soldiers that fell,
Trying to stop the threat,
Lest We Forget.

SGT-AT ARMS REPORT

Since my last report there has been a few ceremonial duties that I have performed on behalf of our Branch.

During this year we performed three(3) Legion Graveside Ceremonies for our fallen comrades.

1. Edna Monahan
2. George Murphy
3. Mary "Pat" Loverock

On 07 November 2021, I was at the Richmond Arena in uniform attending the opening ceremonies for a Richmond Royals hockey game. The team donated their half of the 50/50 draw, and I was surprised that the winner of the draw donated his share. For a total of \$180.00 going to our Poppy Fund. Thanks so much to Shawn Couturier and the Richmond Royals.

In addition to this I was honoured to be the Master of Ceremonies at our Remembrance Day 2021. The attendance was better than we had expected and thank you to everyone involved in the ceremony.

It is still my intention to put together a Legion Colour Party. They are used for various functions, such as Legion Graveside Ceremonies, Legion General Meetings, Remembrance Day Ceremony and other functions that we may be tasked to perform throughout the year. Yes, there is some simple military drill that is involved, but I can instruct anyone who would be interested. The ideal number for the colour party would be 6, but we could handle it with 4.

If you are interested in being part of the Colour Party, you can contact me at boyddulmage@rogers.com or at my home at 613-838-5055.

Take good care comrades, continue to be safe, and all the best during this holiday season.

Boyd Dulmage, CD

Morning Prayer

*Dear Lord,
So far I've done all right.
I haven't gossiped,
haven't lost my temper,
haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent.
I'm really glad about that.*

*But in a few minutes, God,
I'm going to get out of bed.
And from then on,
I'm going to need a lot more help.*

Honours & Awards.

My name is Pat Laninga and I was recently appointed the Chair of the Honours and Awards. As the Chair of this position, it has me looking after any types of awards and honours for our members and for non-members, such as media awards, friendship awards and cadet medal awards.

As well as this, I keep a list of members who are entitled to 5 year service pins. For every 5 years you are a member, you are entitled to wear a new pin which represents the number of years you have been in the Legion.

BRANCH SERVICE MEDAL

During the past almost 2 years since this COVID incident started, the Legion has been pretty much closed to our members and the public. But through all of this there were still members of the Branch looking after things and some going above and beyond what their scope of duties were for the Legion.

Having said that, I am accepting nominations for the Branch Service Medal, with a short written reason as to why they are being nominated. This medal is awarded to recognize the significant work and accomplishments of members outside of their normal duties on committee's, etc.

Nominations can be emailed to me with a short narrative at patboyd5055@outlook.com. Nominations will be open until 31 January 2022. Any received will be passed onto the Executive Committee for their decision. Hopefully early next Spring we can have an Honours and Awards evening to introduce new members and hand out Legion pins and any Legion Medals or Past Office Medals that are due.

Thanks everyone and all the best during this holiday season.

Pat Laninga



A man ran home from work, pulled his wife into the bedroom, threw her on the bed, and pulled the blankets over them. She was shocked- he hadn't been like this for 20 years. Then her husband said: "Look! My new watch glows in the dark" 🕒

Me at 16: "I'm never going to be like my parents!"

Me now: "why the hell is every light on in the damn house?!"

Bits N Pieces

Things were slowly opening up and then the latest variant came along and now we are not sure what is happening so we will continue to play it by ear for now.

If you have email and have not been receiving updates from me, please email me at wryan1955@hotmail.com so I can add you to the email list and we can keep you in the Branch loop.

There was a Remembrance Service in Richmond on November 11th with just half a dozen wreaths laid at the cenotaph. Thank you to the 33 Service Battalion for providing sentinels and for laying wreaths. There was a good turn out of members from the 33, in uniform, who attended the service as well. It was a cold day but local residents still came out. Our MP, MPP and City Councillor all showed up to lay a wreath and thank you to Oscar & Joyce Clench, Brian Goss and Jack Lemyre for laying wreaths as well.

There was no service in Munster again this year.

On December 10 we had a lunch for Branch members and 34 people attended. We had soup, sandwiches and 2 types of dessert. Each attendee received a potted plant and a little goodie bag to take home.

The food was provided by Chris King of our local Your Independent Grocer and a huge thank you goes to Chris for this wonderful donation to the branch as well as the care with which the sandwiches were prepared - each half sandwich was wrapped individually. The plants were provided once again by the Richmond Nursery at no charge. We are blessed to have such support!

Thank you to my helpers Eunice & Jack Lemyre, Irwin McCaffrey, Judy MacKenzie, Boyd Dulmage, John Villeneuve, Tom & Jane Louks, Pat McGrath (Judy, Pat & Eunice worked very hard cleaning up) and Liz Douville, who helped serve the soup! The guys helped clear tables as well.

The Branch looked very festive - thank you to everyone who helped decorate it.

We raised \$100 for the Richmond Food Bank.

Don't forget: there is a General Meeting scheduled for Friday, January 28, 2022 at 11 am, weather permitting.

A very Merry Christmas & Happy Healthy New Year to everyone!

Wendy Ryan

Check the back page for dates and times of events!



History of Christmas Cards

The custom of sending Christmas cards was started in the UK in 1843 by Sir Henry Cole. He was a senior civil servant (Government worker) who had helped set-up the new 'Public Record Office' (now called the Post Office), where he was an Assistant Keeper, and wondered how it could be used more by ordinary people. Sir Henry had the idea of Christmas Cards with his friend John Horsley, who was an artist. They designed the first card and sold them for 1 shilling each. (That is only 5p or 8 cents today(!), but in those days it was worth much much more.) The card had three panels. The outer two panels showed people caring for the poor and in the center panel was a family having a large Christmas dinner! Some people didn't like the card because it showed a child being given a glass of wine! About 1000 (or it might have been less!) were printed and sold. They are now very rare and cost thousands of Pounds or Dollars to buy now!

The first postal service that ordinary people could use was started in 1840 when the first 'Penny Post' public postal deliveries began (Sir Henry Cole helped to introduce the Penny Post). Before that, only very rich people could afford to send anything in the post. The new Post Office was able to offer a Penny stamp because new railways were being built. These could carry much more post than the horse and carriage that had been used before. Also, trains could go a lot faster. Cards became even more popular in the UK when they could be posted in an unsealed envelope for one halfpenny - half the price of an ordinary letter.

As printing methods improved, Christmas cards became much more popular and were produced in large numbers from about 1860. In 1870 the cost of sending a post card, and also Christmas cards, dropped to half a penny. This meant even more people were able to send cards.

An engraved card by the artist William Egley, who illustrated some of Charles Dickens's books, is on display in the British Museum. By the early 1900s, the custom had spread over Europe and had become especially popular in Germany.

The first cards usually had pictures of the Nativity scene on them. In late Victorian times, robins (a British bird) and snow-scenes became popular. In those times the postmen were nicknamed 'Robin Postmen' because of the red uniforms they wore. Snow-scenes were popular because they reminded people of the very bad winter that happened in the UK in 1836.



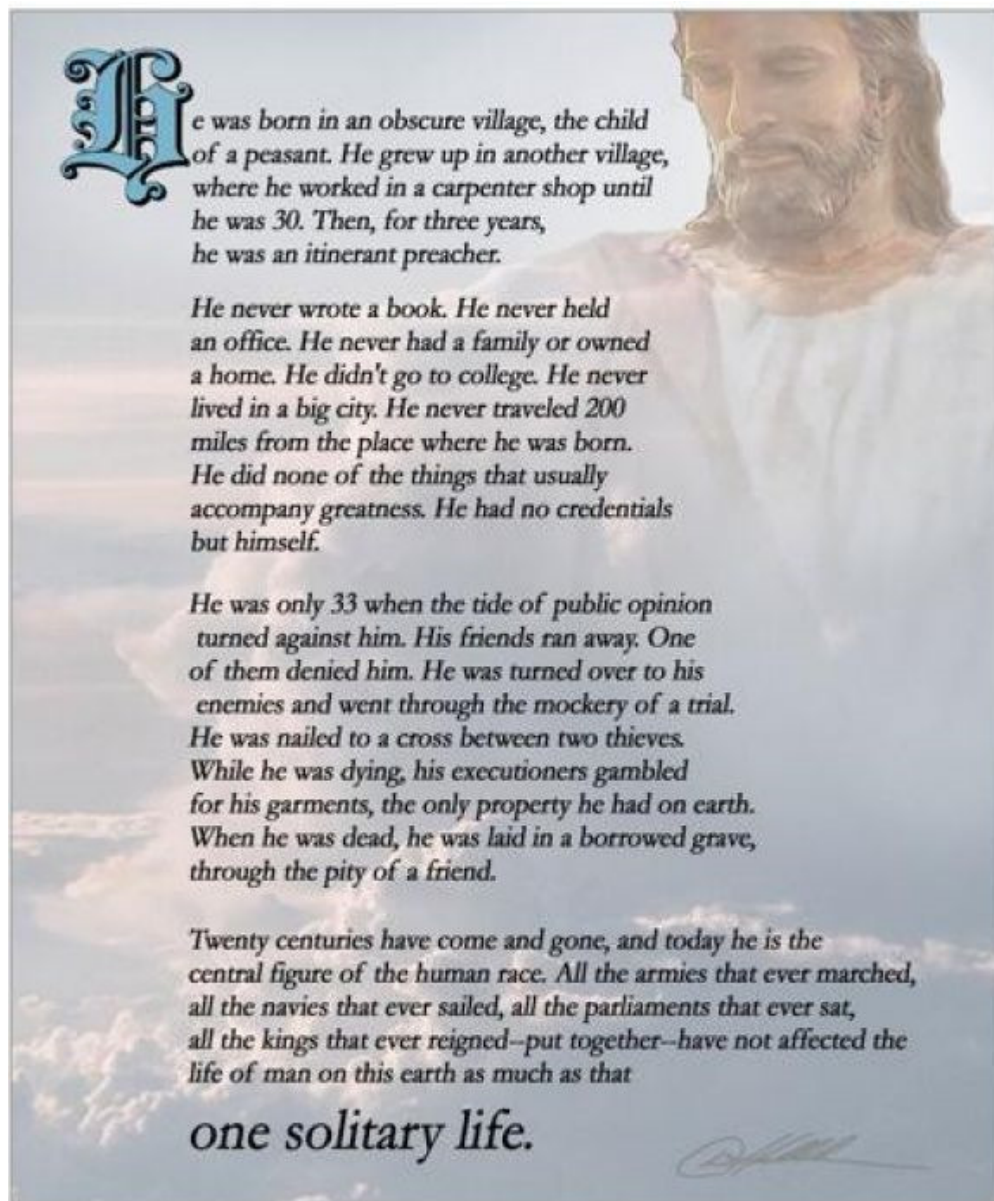
Christmas Cards appeared in the United States of America in the late 1840s, but were very expensive and most people couldn't afford them. In 1875, Louis Prang, a printer who was originally from Germany but who had also worked on early cards in the UK, started mass producing cards so more people could afford to buy them. Mr Prang's first cards featured flowers, plants, and children. In 1915, John C. Hall and two of his brothers created Hallmark Cards, who are still one of the biggest card makers today!

The first known 'personalised' Christmas Card was sent in 1891 by Annie Oakley, the famous sharpshooter and star of Buffalo Bill's Wild West show. She was in Glasgow, Scotland at Christmas 1891 and sent cards back to her friends and family in the USA featuring a photo of her on it. As she was in Scotland, she's wearing tartan in the photo! Annie reportedly designed the cards herself and they were printed by a local printer. In the 1910s and 1920s, home made cards became popular. They were often unusual shapes and had things such as foil and ribbon on them. These were usually too delicate to send through the post and were given by hand.

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Nowadays, cards have all sorts of pictures on them: jokes, winter pictures, Santa Claus or romantic scenes of life in past times. Charities often sell their own Christmas Cards as a way raising money at Christmas.

Charities also make money from seals or stickers used to seal the card envelopes. This custom started in Denmark in the early 1900s by a postal worker who thought it would be a good way for charities to raise money, as well as making the cards more decorative. It was a great success: over four million were sold in the first year! Soon Sweden and Norway adopted the custom and then it spread all over Europe and to America.



The Little-Known History of the Caroling Tradition *By Audrey W. | Arcadia Staff*

Odds are good you've never heard the word "wassail." It derives from the Old Norse word "ves heill" which translates to "be well and in good health." In the early days of England, people would travel from house to house and use the saying as a way of wishing good fortune on their neighbors. The sayings of good wishes eventually morphed into a song, "Here We Come-A-Wassailing," and today the tune is better known as "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." But where did the tradition of caroling really come from? We're here to find out!

Where exactly does caroling come from?

It's impossible to imagine the winter holidays without carolers. They are as iconic for the season as Christmas trees and eggnog. While most countries boast their unique holiday traditions, caroling is one that most have in common. You likely learned some of the most famous songs as early as elementary school, and while you may not remember the entire song, certain lines are embedded in our memories. For example, "good tidings we bring to you and your kin. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" or "jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way! Of what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh," both from two iconic carols of the holiday season. Did you just read these to the tune of the song? Most can't help it.



While we may have grown up listening to, singing, and getting these catchy caroling tunes stuck in our heads, the history of the tradition is largely unknown. How did the "wassailers" evolve into the carol singers on the streets today? The history of caroling is not what you might expect.

An early version of caroling dates back to the 13th century. It began in the oral tradition, but didn't always involve Christmas or even singing. In its earliest days, wassailing involved people going house to house giving out well wishes during the colder months. In some places "wassail" was also commonly used to describe a hot and thick spiced beverage given to travelers during the winter to help keep them warm. If the drink sounds familiar, it's not a coincidence. This medieval spiced drink is the great-great-great grandfather of a modern classic, eggnog.

Singing remained separate from Christmas until Saint Francis of Assisi began incorporating similar sayings and songs of well wishes in his Christmas services. He encouraged the members of his church to embrace music during the holiday season. Saint Francis' method was a hit, and soon enough people began taking the songs home to enjoy with their families.

These songs stuck to their oral traditions for several hundred years, being passed down from family to family, until some were finally collected, written down, and published in 1582. This helped to solidify the songs in cultures across the world. Soon, they migrated from the church and became a staple activity in holiday celebrations. While most popular carols have been given a modern spin from their former medieval tune, they continue to bring the warm wishes and comfort of the holiday season.

A Short History of the World's Biggest Christmas Carols

Perhaps one of the most famous Christmas carols is "Silent Night." Most people who have celebrated Christmas in the United States will at least have a few lines of this song committed to memory, "silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright..." The first legend behind the origin of this tune included an Austrian priest by the name of Joseph Mohr. He composed the song on a broken church organ with friend Franz Gruber. It's widely thought that "Silent Night" was originally a poem written by Mohr. Little did he know that it would grow to become one of the world's most legendary Christmas carols.

If you can name the gifts from all twelve days in "Twelve Days of Christmas" you're in pretty good shape for this holiday caroling season. This song is rooted in 18th century England. The foremost theory suggests the song was a memory-and-forfeit game sung by children at the time. "Joy to the World" is another famous carol. This one is different from most others because it contains blatant Christian imagery. The lyrics come straight from the Old Testament, but it wasn't crafted into an official song until the 19th century.

Caroling in the Modern Day

Caroling today is still deeply embedded in the holiday traditions. According to Pew Research Center, in 2017 about 16% of Americans reported going caroling. Carolers brave the frigid winter air to sing holiday well wishes in neighborhoods and churches across the country. It's largely symbolic of community. Whether it's a group of friends and family or strangers, caroling is one of the most favored ways for people to get into the holiday spirit.



Playing Cards

The Chinese invented playing cards in AD 1000. Some interesting facts and observations about playing cards: Did you know that the traditional deck of playing cards is a strikingly coherent form of a calendar?

There are 52 weeks in the year and there are 52 playing cards in a deck.

There are 13 weeks in each season and there are 13 cards in each suit.

There are 4 seasons in a year and 4 suits in the deck.

There are 12 months in a year so there are 12 court cards (Those with faces namely Jack, Queen, King in each suit.)

The red cards represent the day, while the black cards represent the night.

If you let Jacks = 11, Queens = 12, and Kings = 13, then add up all the sums of $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots$ to 13 = 91.

Multiply this by 4, for the 4 suits, therefore $91 \times 4 = 364$, add 1 that is the Joker and you will arrive at the number 365 being the days in a year.

Is that a mere coincidence or a greater intelligence?

Of interest is the sum of the letters in the names of the cards, e.g., add up the letters in "one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, Jack, Queen, King" and they come to 52!

The Spades indicate plowing or working.

The Hearts indicate love thy crops.

The Clubs indicate flourishing and growth.

The Diamonds indicate reaping the wealth.

There is a deeper philosophy than just merely playing cards.

The mathematical perfection is mind-blowing.

From B Beyer

Husbands

A group of women from Perth, Australia were at a seminar on how to live in a loving relationship with their husbands. The women were asked, "How many of you love your husband?" All the women raised their hands. Then they were asked, "When was the last time you told your husband you loved him?" Some women answered today, a few yesterday, and some couldn't remember. The women were then told to take out their cell phones and text their husband - "I love you, Sweetheart." Next the women were instructed to exchange phones with one another and read aloud the text message they received in response to their message.

Below are 11 hilarious replies. If you have been married for quite a while, you understand that these replies are a sign of

true love. Who else would reply in such a succinct and honest way?

1. Who the hell is this?
2. Eh, mother of my children, are you sick or what?
3. Yeah, and I love you too. What's wrong?
4. What now? Did you wreck the car again?
5. I don't understand what you mean.
6. What the hell did you do now?
7. Don't beat about the bush, just tell me how much you need.
8. Am I dreaming?
9. If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, someone will die.
10. I thought we agreed you wouldn't drink during the day.
11. Your mother is coming to stay with us, isn't she?

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Please remember the next General Meeting is Friday January 28 2022 at 11 am!

Covid Vaccine Guidelines

The Province will be announcing a Vaccination Passport requirement for non-essential facilities.

RCL Zone G5 provides information that **effective September 22 2021**, we must show proof of full Vaccination (digital or paper) plus photo ID.

You will need proof of vaccination and ID card to attend indoor activities at the Richmond Legion.

Proof will be necessary for meetings, events, exercise etc

Outdoor patios are excluded.

Negative tests or recent infection will not be accepted.

The number of people able to attend each event/activity will depend upon the current opening status as set by the Ministry of Health. Currently we are allowed 25 to 30 people per event as long as social distancing is maintained.

Masks are still required.

Please note that if the hall is rented for a private function and no bar/catering etc is provided by the branch, the renter of the hall is responsible for enforcement of Covid restrictions.



No matter how old you are, an empty **Christmas** wrapping paper tube is still a fun thing to bonk someone over the head with!



MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

Branch Executive Meeting is Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 11 a.m.

Branch General Meeting is Friday, January 28, 2022 at 11 am.

Club 55 Meeting is Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 11 am

Coffee: Monday to Friday at 10 am

Exercise: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9 am

Euchre: Fridays at 1 pm

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Anyone entering the Richmond Legion must provide proof of double vaccination and wear a mask.

All current Covid protocols as per municipal and provincial guidelines will be followed.

See previous page for Covid policy.

Please remember: As per Branch policy, when the local school busses are cancelled due to weather, exercises, coffee hour and meetings are also cancelled and the hall will be closed.

If you change your email address, please let me know by emailing me at wryan1955@hotmail.com so I can keep my contact list up to date and keep you up to date with relevant information via email.

If you have not received an email from me for a few months, please contact me at wryan1955@hotmail.com so I can update your email address.

A Very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy Healthy New Year To All!



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